

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A signal processing circuit outputting an output signal corresponding to a pulse width of an input pulse signal, the circuit comprising:

5 ~~integrating~~ means for ~~integrating~~ accumulating the pulse widths of said input pulse signal for a predetermined period of time, with each of the pulses ~~widths having one of polarities~~ having one of positive and negative polarities; and

10 outputting means for outputting the output signal corresponding to said accumulated pulse widths ~~integrated by said integrating means~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said integrating means comprises a charging circuit storing a charged voltage according to either of polarities of said input pulse signal; and

15 a sample hold circuit sampling and holding the charged voltage stored according to one of said polarities, during a period of supply of said input pulse signal having the other of said polarities ~~and including~~ no chattering is generated in the input pulse signal during the period.

20 3. (Currently Amended) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein said charging circuit includes a first charge circuit charged with a first constant current during a period of said input pulse signal having a positive polarity; and

a second charge circuit charged with a second constant current during a period of said input pulse signal having a negative polarity,

25 said sample hold circuit includes a first comparing circuit comparing a charged voltage of said first charge circuit with a reference voltage;

a second comparing circuit comparing a charged voltage of said second charge circuit with a reference voltage;

a first sample hold circuit sampling and holding said charged voltage of said second charge circuit, based on a comparison result of said first comparing circuit; and

5 a second sample hold circuit sampling and holding said charged voltage of said first charge circuit, based on a comparison result of said second comparing circuit, and

10 said outputting means outputs a voltage first sampled and held voltage in said first sample hold circuit, according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit, and outputs a voltage second sampled and held voltage in said second sample hold circuit, according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit.

15 **4. (Original)** The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 3, wherein said first sample hold circuit includes a first switch circuit switched according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit; and

20 a first capacitor charged according to said charged voltage of said second charge circuit, when said first switch circuit is switched on, and

25 said second sample hold circuit includes a second switch circuit switched according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit; and

a second capacitor charged according to said charged voltage of said first charge circuit,

20 when said second switch circuit is switched on.

30 **5. (Original)** The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 3, wherein said first charge circuit includes a first constant current source outputting the constant current;

35 a first charging switch circuit switched on when said input pulse signal has a positive

25 polarity so as to output said constant current output from said first constant current source;

a third capacitor charged with said constant current output from said first charging switch

circuit, when said first charging switch circuit is switched on; and

a first discharging switch circuit switched on according to said comparison result of said

second comparing circuit so as to discharge said third capacitor, and

5 said second charge circuit includes a second constant current source outputting the

constant current;

a second charging switch circuit switched on when said input pulse signal has a negative

polarity so as to output said constant current output from said second constant current source;

a fourth capacitor charged with said constant current output from said second charging

10 switch circuit, when said second charging switch circuit is switched on; and

a second discharging switch circuit switched on according to said comparison result of

said first comparing circuit so as to discharge said fourth capacitor.

6. (Currently Amended) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 4, wherein

15 said first charge circuit includes a first constant current source outputting the first constant

current;

a first charging switch circuit switched on when said input pulse signal has a positive

polarity so as to output said first constant current output from said first constant current source;

a third capacitor charged with said constant current output from said first charging switch

20 circuit, when said first charging switch circuit is switched on; and

a first discharging switch circuit switched on according to said comparison result of said

second comparing circuit so as to discharge said third capacitor, and

said second charge circuit includes a second constant current source outputting the second

constant current;

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a second charging switch circuit switched on when said input pulse signal has a negative polarity so as to output said second constant current output from said second constant current source;

5 a fourth capacitor charged with said constant current output from said second charging switch circuit, when said second charging switch circuit is switched on; and

a second discharging switch circuit switched on according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit so as to discharge said fourth capacitor.

**7. (Original)** The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein said charging

10 circuit includes a constant current source generating a constant current;

a first charge element charged with said constant current;

a second charge element charged with said constant current; and

a switch switched according to said input pulse signal so as to supply said first charge element with said constant current generated by said constant current source when said input pulse signal

15 has the one of said polarities, and to supply said second charge element with said constant current generated by said constant current source when said input pulse signal has the other of said polarities.

**8. (Original)** The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein said outputting

20 means comprises an output circuit outputting a voltage sampled and held in said sample hold circuit as the output signal.

**9. (Original)** The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 3, wherein said outputting

means comprises an output circuit outputting the voltage sampled and held in one of said first 25 sample hold circuit and said second sample hold circuit, as the output signal.

10. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 4, wherein said outputting means comprises an output circuit outputting the voltage sampled and held in one of said first sample hold circuit and said second sample hold circuit, as the output signal.

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11. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 5, wherein said outputting means comprises an output circuit outputting the voltage sampled and held in one of said first sample hold circuit and said second sample hold circuit, as the output signal.

10 12. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 6, wherein said

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outputting means comprises an output circuit outputting the voltage sampled and held in one of said first sample hold circuit and said second sample hold circuit, as the output signal.

13. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein said

15 outputting means comprises an output circuit outputting a voltage sampled and held in said sample hold circuit as the output signal.

14. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 9, wherein said output

20 circuit includes a switch circuit selectively outputting either of said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit and said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit; and

25 a switch control circuit switching said switch circuit so as to select said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit, and to select said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit.

15. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 10, wherein said output circuit includes a switch circuit selectively outputting either of said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit and said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit; and

5 a switch control circuit switching said switch circuit so as to select said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit, and to select said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit.

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16. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 11, wherein said output circuit includes a switch circuit selectively outputting either of said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit and said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit; and

15 a switch control circuit switching said switch circuit so as to select said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said first comparing circuit, and to select said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit.

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17. (Original) The signal processing circuit as claimed in claim 12, wherein said output circuit includes a switch circuit selectively outputting either of said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit and said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit; and

25 a switch control circuit switching said switch circuit so as to select said voltage sampled and held in said first sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said first

comparing circuit, and to select said voltage sampled and held in said second sample hold circuit according to said comparison result of said second comparing circuit.

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**18. (Currently Amended)** A signal processing method for outputting an output signal

5 corresponding to a pulse width of an input pulse signal, the method comprising:

~~the integrating a step of integrating~~ accumulating the pulse widths of said input pulse signal for a predetermined period of time, each of the pulse widths having one of positive and negative polarities ~~at least one of polarities~~; and

10 ~~the outputting a step of outputting the output signal corresponding to said accumulated~~ pulse widths ~~integrated in said integrating step.~~